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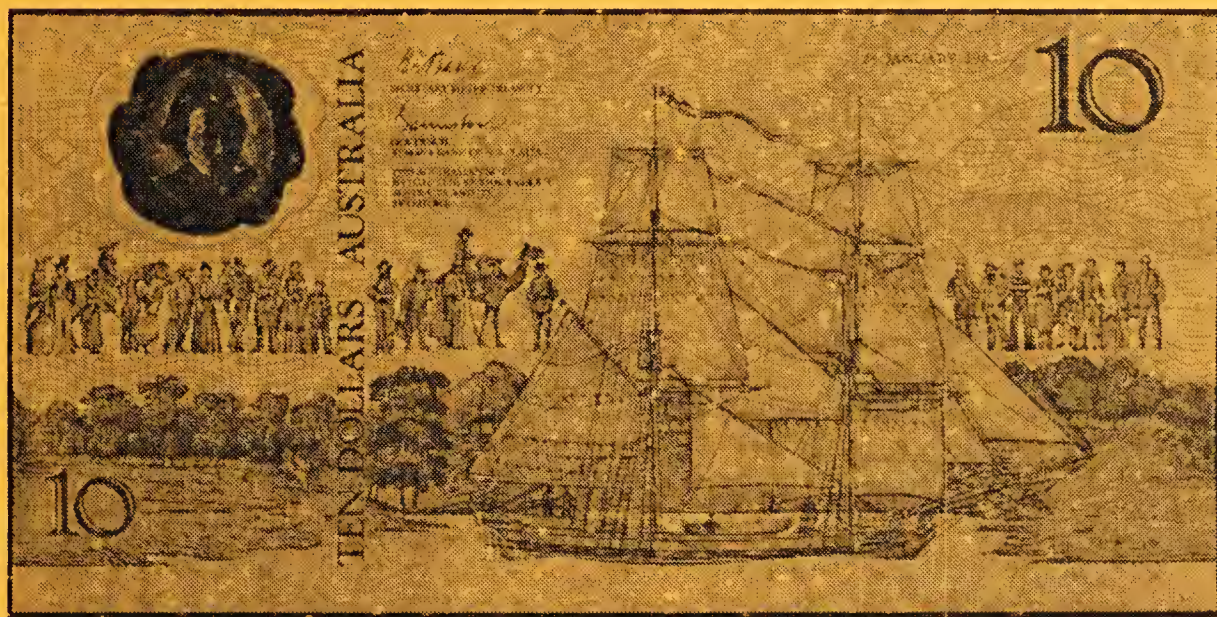
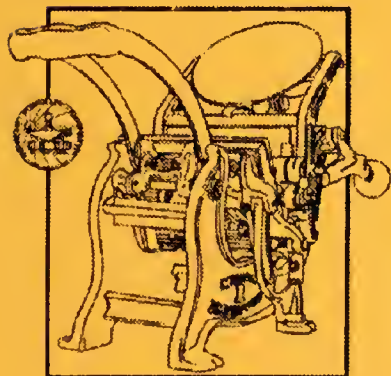


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President's Message

By: Don Keopple II

Hello fellow ILNA members,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful year so far. Summer is over, the kids are back in school and it's time for the ILNA Fall Convention.

As I write this we have just finished another successful show. I would like to thank our new bourse chairman, Frank Zapushek, for doing a super job his first year. Also to my board and officers for showing up and helping out when needed. Thanks to Frank Zapushek, Andy Reiber, Mike & Donna Doran, Steve Harrison, Richard Prouty, Bill Burd, Ron Hedglin, Steve Butler & Jack Higgins, without the hard work of these board members the success of this show wouldn't be possible. The show's attendance was great and business was brisk. I would like to thank all the dealers who attended and everyone who donated to the YN auction. The kids had a great time and really appreciated the coins. Remember these kids are our hobby's future. I would also like to thank the exhibitors and speakers for their contributions to another successful and informative show.

Countryside has been our home for a number of years and has been good to work with, but the time has come to move on. Next years show will be at the new Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Tinley Park. The 2008 show will be an extended boarse of approximately 190 tables. We started selling tables at this year's show and it was a great hit with the dealers, the boarse is nearly sold out. The Holiday Inn has given us special room rates, I recommend you make your reservations early as there is an IRL race in Joliet that same weekend. Please go to the ILNA web site for more information www.ilnaclub.org, check it out frequently for new information.

This year we didn't host a spring show, any club wishing to host a show in 2008 please contact me. We also have available scholarships for ANA Summer Conference courses in Colorado Springs for the summer of 2008. Please consult me or the ILNA web site for more information.

This year we had an election for officers for the first time in several years. I would like to congratulate Bill Burd, Steve Butler, Donna Doran and Steve Harrison on being reelected and Bill Price our new board member. I've known Bill for a lot of years and he will be a great asset to the board. I would like the thank our outgoing board member, Donna Wasmer, for her years of service hard work and dedication to ILNA and Numismatics in general.

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We had a couple of very generous cash donations made to us at our show and would like to thank John Schikora and Ron Adamek. The funds will be put to good use, Thank You!

This year's numismatic library book program has been shipped. We gave 7 numismatic books to 48 libraries in the state. The books were paid for with ILNA funds and ILNA board members donated shipping costs. A special thanks to all those who contributed to this program.

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Secretary's Message

By Michael B. Doran



Another ILNA Fall Show & Convention has come and passed. I will attest that this years show went smoothly under the leadership of our Bourse Chairman (and Vice President), Frank Zapushek and those who took time to help out. The dealers present were happy, and so was the public who came. And the best is yet to come. After being in Countryside for over 5 years, it was time for the ILNA Show to find a new location. For 2008, the new location will be in Tinley Park at the Tinley Park Convention Center, located at the interchange of I-80 and Harlem Avenue (IL Route 43). It is a very modern convention center which will allow the show to grow (something we couldn't do at Countryside). Dates for the show are Thursday, September 4th to Saturday, September 6th, 2008. For more information on the show, contact **Frank Zapushek** at **(309) 662-0159**.

Going back to this year's Fall Show, we had excellent seminar speakers, some decent exhibits, and another fun YN Auction. Also, the new ILNA Constitution and Bylaws was approved by the majority of the membership. I believe it will serve ILNA and its members well for years to come. And last but not least, the board members elected for the 2007-2009 term are **William Burd, Steve Butler, Donna Doran, Steve Harrison, and Bill Price**. Congratulations to all elected.

The dues notices for 2008 will be mailed out in November for those who are currently paying dues. Watch your mailbox for your dues notice and please take a moment to pay your dues so that I won't have to send out second notices come January. Dues rates are as follows: Regular and Club Members - \$8 for one year, \$15 for two years, and Junior Members - \$2. And for a one time payment of \$150, you can become a Life Member. For a Life Membership, you must be a member of ILNA for at least a year and approved by the Board of Governors. Speaking of membership, should you have any questions, concerns, comments, or anything to do with your ILNA membership, remember that the Secretary's office is always open. I can be reached one of three ways – by phone at either **(217) 663-0276** or **(217) 932-5856**, by regular mail at **P.O. Box 30, Greenup, IL 62428-0030**, or by e-mail at [**secretary@ilnaclub.org**](mailto:secretary@ilnaclub.org).

On behalf of the Officers and the Board of Governors of ILNA, we all kindly thank each and every member for their continued support in promoting the numismatic hobby in the Land of Lincoln.

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Making Sense

By John D. Wright

This year has few noteworthy international events, but you should be able to guess the year from local events.

A dozen young men in London organize a club for the spiritual improvement of employees in the drapery trade. They call their club the “Young Men’s Christian Association”, or “YMCA” for short.

In the Caribbean, the Dominican Republic secedes from Haiti.

French playwright Alexandre Dumas turns his hand to novels of adventure, publishing *Le Trois Mousquetaires* this year. His first book is a rave best seller.

Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* has its first US publication. Though US sales are at first disappointing, it will eventually sell over two million copies in the US.

Steven Foster publishes his first song: “Open thy Lattice, Love”.

This year Charles Goodyear receives a patent for his vulcanizing process for rubber that he discovered by accident five years ago. Deeply in debt, Goodyear sells the patent for a pittance. Sixteen years hence he will die in poverty.

The first inter-city telegraph message is sent this year. Samuel F B Morse telegraphs “What hath God wrought” from the US Supreme Court chambers in Washington DC to an associate and federal witnesses in Baltimore, forty miles away. The associate transmits the same message back for federal witnesses in DC.

The Marquette and Mesabi iron ranges are discovered by accident in upper Michigan and Minnesota by government surveyors. The crew has noticed magnetic deviations in their compasses of up to 87 degrees. Investigation of the soil shows large deposits of iron. Over fifty years hence these ironfields will become the head of the supply-chain for Henry Ford’s manufacturing empire and the source for “rust belt” manufacturing in the north central US.

Henry Wells partners with William Fargo this year to begin an express delivery service between Buffalo and Detroit.

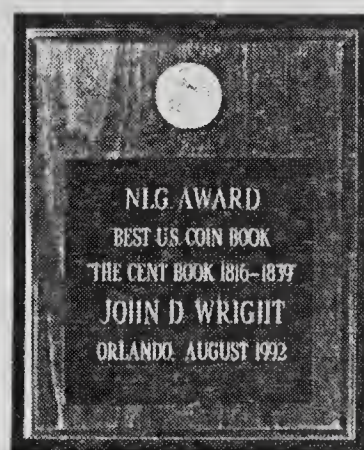
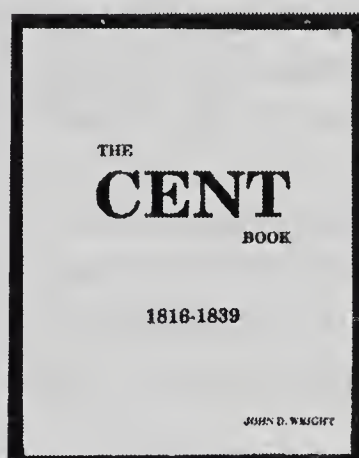
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Making Sense (Cont.)

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The Adventist preacher William Miller has predicted that the second coming of Christ will occur on 21 March of this year. Adventists gather on hillsides to await the Coming. When nothing happens, Miller revises his prediction to 22 October of this year. Repeat non-performance. Many leave the Church over this, but many remain. Today the Seventh Day Adventist Church is still a viable church, but they do not declare a date.

Dissent within Mormon ranks in Nauvoo Illinois grows from Joseph Smith's "revelation from God" that a man should have several wives. Pro polygamists have destroyed the presses of an anti polygamist Mormon newspaper in Nauvoo. Brothers Joseph and Hiram Smith are arrested and jailed in Carthage pending trial for this crime. When word spreads that the Smiths are to be released, a mob of over two hundred anti polygamists storms the jail and murders Joseph and Hiram. Brigham Young is chosen to succeed Joseph Smith as head of the Mormon Church, but polygamy stays.

The Baptist Church of the US splits over the issue of slavery into the Northern Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions. The Methodist Episcopal Church also splits this year over the same issue.

A newly ratified Constitution for New Jersey permits only white male citizens to vote.

This is a Presidential election year. The current President, supported by only a splinter group of his original Party, becomes the first US President to not stand for re-election. The Whigs nominate Henry Clay, and the Democrats finally decide on an unknown, a "dark horse". James Polk is unknown but has no political enemies. He strongly supports the Democratic platform, which is staunchly nationalistic and expansionist. Polk will win a landslide victory over Clay.

This year lame-duck President John Tyler marries. The firsts for this President include first unelected President, first President to have his entire Cabinet resign, first President to be abandoned by his Party, first President to NOT run for re-election, and first President to wed during his term in office.

The outgoing and incoming Presidents above should have revealed the year

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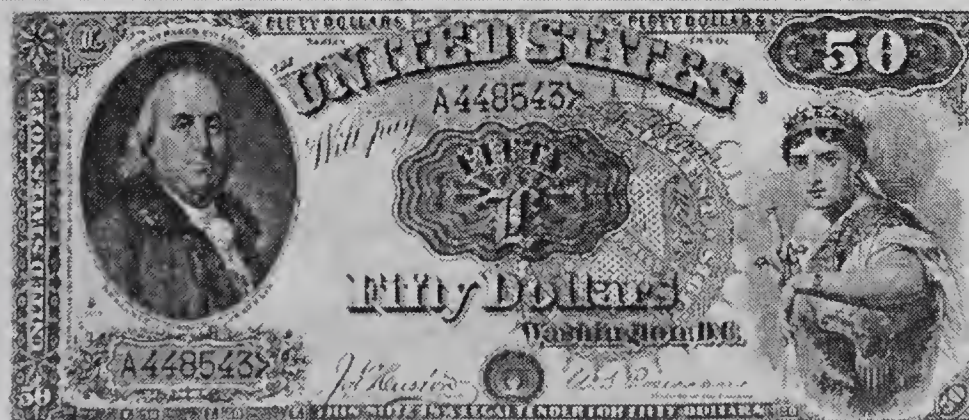
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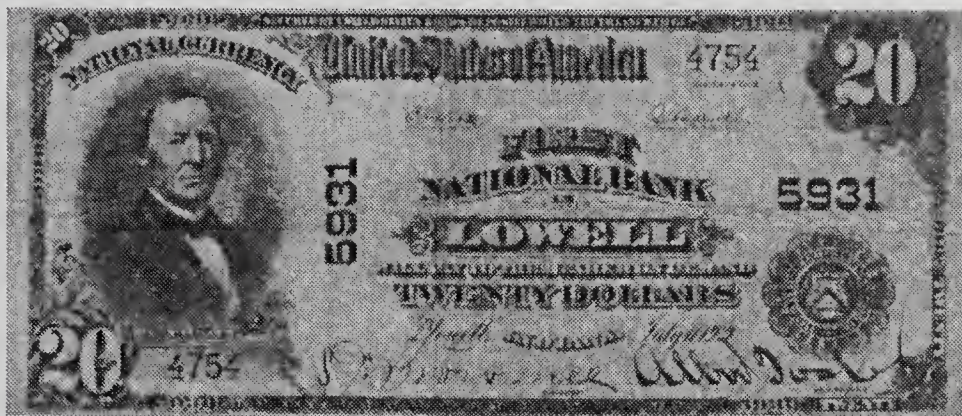
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Going for Modern Commems on a Budget

By Mark Benvenuto ILNA R-2303

Amidst the collecting fraternity there are some stalwart believers that the only commemorative coins the United States Mint has produced that are worthy of collecting are those now known as the “classic” commems. They stay away from the modern series. It’s a shame and a blessing to hear that kind of talk in our great hobby. It’s a shame because it means there are some good folks who are probably missing out on some absolutely great coins. It’s a blessing because that kind of thinking leaves the field open for those of us who want to get our hands on some of these modern beauties. A brief survey of the modern U.S. commemoratives reveals some affordable — and very beautiful — coins that can be assembled into a handsome collection. The coins dated in the 1980’s are now old enough that it’s probably worth checking prices, to see if there are any good bargains out there.

It was 1982 when Congress gave the Mint the green light to end its long, quiet spell when no commemorative coins had been minted. The nation’s bicentennial had come and gone with nothing more than a few reverse design changes and a dual date. Hosting the 1980 winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, New York came and went with nothing disturbing the placid silence of the Mint’s dormant commem program. But in 1982 the 250th anniversary of the birth of General and later President Washington stirred enough interest that a half dollar was produced. Looking back twenty five years at it, some folks still consider the design mediocre, even though it was the very accomplished chief sculptor and engraver of the Mint, Ms. Elizabeth Jones, who did the work.

According to current price lists, the uncirculated version, which was made exclusively at the Denver Mint, costs a mere \$7.50 in MS-65 and a paltry \$650 in MS-69. Yikes! That’s not a typo. Apparently, not many of these half dollars have made it through the last quarter century in pristine shape. Or, perhaps they didn’t make it off the coining press in perfect condition. The proof version, on the other hand, which came out of the San Francisco facility, costs \$20 in PF-69DC, which is the collector “alphabet soup” for, ‘proof, 69, deep cameo.”

These two prices illustrate a fascinating, but understandable, phenomenon when you start looking into modern commemoratives in gory detail. That is

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Going for Modern Commems on a Budget *(Cont.)*

that the proofs are dirt cheap in several instances, while the uncirculated versions of the same coin often cost much more. It's odd that the better coin costs less, but the reason for it is that the Mint simply fills orders on most of these special commemoratives. And, given the choice, most collectors will opt for spending a few more dollars, and for buying the proof version. In the case of the Washington half, 2.2 million of the uncirculated coins gushed forth from the Denver presses, while 4.8 million rocketed out of the San Fran facility.

Next up for the modern commemorative program was the 1984 Olympics. Not content to get all the details correct — what fun would that be? — the first silver dollars for the 1984 Games were dated 1983. The design is based on the ancient and rather famous piece of sculpture depicting a discus thrower, with the reverse dominated by an eagle. The price for a proof today in that PF-69DC grade is \$30, not much more than the Washington half.

The more properly dated 1984 silver dollar commemorating the games also costs \$30 in PF-69DC. The design is completely different than its 1983 dated sibling, and some collectors grouched when it came out. They thought they were being used as a cash cow to raise money, either for the U.S. Olympic team, or for the Mint. Their collective complaint came not just from the two different silver dollars, but also from the fact that a \$10 gold piece was thrown in. The true completist would have to obtain three silver dollars of each date, since they were produced at three different Mint facilities. As well, that person would have to purchase four of the \$10 gold pieces, since they were produced at the "normal" three Mints, and at the facility at West Point. The price tag was high, and these folks had no idea how prescient their complaints would be.

In 1985, the Mint was given a chance to take a break, and get back to the business of making our nation's circulating coinage, without any special commemoratives. It would become the only such year in what has since become a very busy modern commemoratives program.



The Statue of Liberty received its moment of glory in 1986, with a three coin set, consisting of a half dollar, a silver dollar, and a \$5 gold piece. Collectors still find the Elizabeth Jones design for the obverse of the \$5 gold piece to be an amazing piece of work. It is a powerful rendition, from a unique angle — at least on a coin — of the face of the statue. Lady Liberty truly looks alive.

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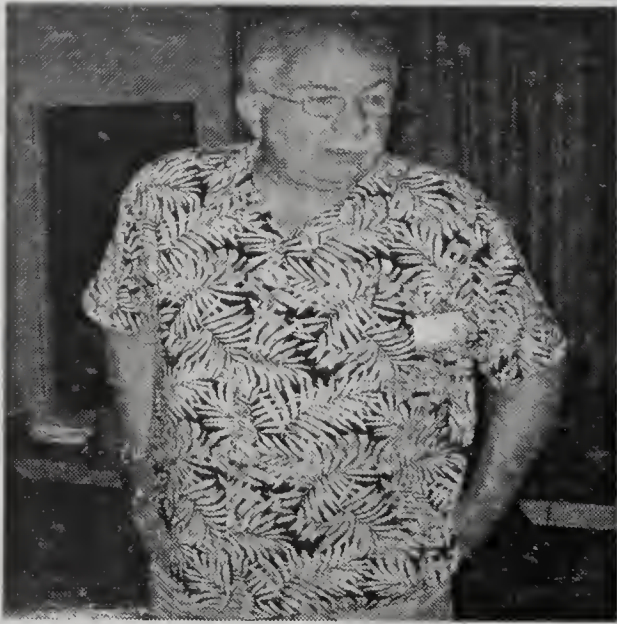
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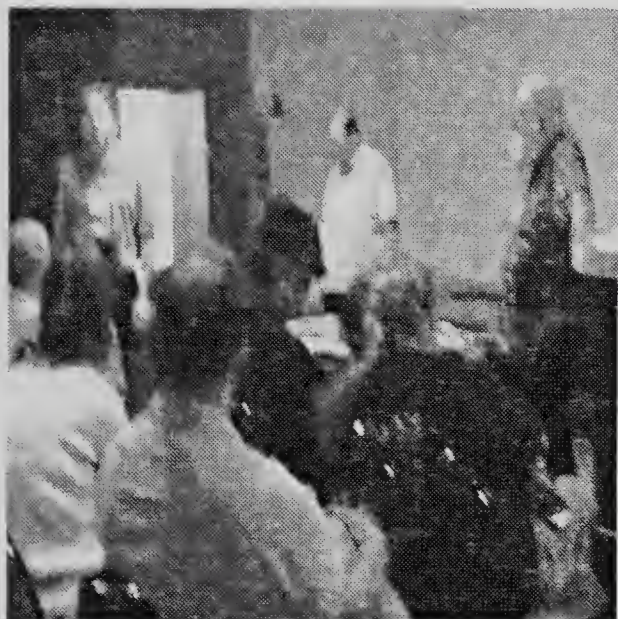
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Making Sense (Cont.)

to be 1844. This year the four US mints produce 9.2 million coins in three metals and nine or ten denominations. Philadelphia strikes all denominations, New Orleans strikes five denominations in silver and gold, and Charlotte and Dahlonega strike two gold denominations.

Special items for this year include the 1844-O half dime (the second scarcest liberty seated half dime) and the 1844-P dime. The latter has a very low mintage, but was heavily hoarded from circulation, so today it is rare only in Mint State. Another anomaly for this year is the quarter eagle: though the P mintage is far the lowest, the C and D are both much more expensive.

The Charlotte mint suffers a fire in midyear that destroys most of the structure and much of the machinery. It will be over two years before Charlotte minting operations can resume. Thus there will be NO Charlotte coins of 1845.

By this time dies are almost completely hubbed. Doubling of mint marks and date elements are rampant on ALL denominations during the 1844 – 1849 period, a few of the more spectacular of which will draw a premium. The most notable of 1844 are the widely-doubled date on some quarters and half dollars (both of which are quite scarce thus) and the overpunched inverted date on one of the cent dies (the so-called “1844 over 81”).

The Proof-only large cents of 1844 – 1849 all share a single reverse die, all in the same die state. Bob Grellman is well justified in his published speculation that ...

“... it is logical to assume the Proofs that use this reverse were struck after the date they carry. In fact, it is quite possible (perhaps probable) these 1844 – 1849 Proof-only varieties (and possibly a few others) were struck for collectors after large cent production had ceased altogether” (in 1857).

The same argument stands for the Proof-only half cents of 1840 – 1849. This kind of mystery and detective work is one of the things that make numismatics so completely fascinating.

**John D Wright is the author of "The CENT Book",
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Going for Modern Commems on a Budget *(Cont.)*

While the \$5 gold piece commands the most praise for its design, it's the silver dollar and the clad half dollar that command it for their prices. The half dollar will run a collector only about \$18 right now, whether it is the uncirculated version from Denver at MS-69, or the 'S' marked proofs at PF-69. Any way you count it, that's not a lot when you consider the quality and grade you'll get. The silver dollar is just about as good a steal at \$30, in those same, high grades.



In 1987 it was the Constitution that was honored with a couple of commems. If you sit back and think about it, that might be a bit odd, as the Declaration of Independence didn't rate a coin — and it would properly have been commemorated on the nation's bicentennial. But, for whatever reason, the Constitution did get honored, with three quill pens on four sides of two coins! Only the reverse of the silver dollar doesn't sport a quill pen. That displays a group of people who are supposed to represent all Americans.

After twenty years, you can still pick up a proof of the silver dollar for \$25 in PF-69DC. The uncirculated version came out of the main Mint in Philly, and will cost over \$200, in keeping with the prices we have seen thus far. We'll ignore the gold piece for the moment, since we are looking for affordable commems, and many collectors don't like to plunk down a couple of hundred dollars for a single coin.

In 1988, we honored the Olympic Games — even though neither summer nor winter ones were held in the U.S. Plenty of collectors grouched about this one, as it seemed to put our commemorative program on the same, low level as those of countries that will probably never host the Olympics. Whoever put the bill forth in Congress didn't care enough to rescind it though. So a silver dollar and a \$5 gold piece were produced.

As with all the other pieces we've looked at, the proof version of the 1988 Olympic dollar is pretty inexpensive. Also, the \$5 gold piece commands the \$200, more or less, that most of the gold commems do. But this one is worth mentioning because of the artwork. Chief Mint Sculptor Elizabeth Jones did the obverse, which is essentially a portrait of Nike, the ancient Greek goddess of victory. The word "Liberty" is written in a straight line across the lower portion of the coin, and Nike's neck. Beyond that, only the date is present on this side.

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This coin is considered absolutely beautiful by collectors and art critics alike. It simply works, no matter how you look at it. This author can remember collector friends commenting right when it was issued that President Teddy Roosevelt's desire to re-make the images on U.S. coins way back at the turn of the century would have benefited from this design. That's high praise from a group of people who can be pretty harshly critical, especially when they are paying for yet another commemorative coin that some Congressman dreamed up.

The final commemorative theme with a 1980's date is the bicentennial of Congress clad half dollar, silver \$1 dollar and \$5 gold piece. By his date, a commem per year had become common, so it isn't really fair to complain that Congress forgot to honor the bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence, but managed to remember to commemorate itself. But by this time, plenty of collectors were thinking twice before gobbling up yet another annual, commemorative theme.

For those who did gobble at the time of issue, it may still be a sore point that the proof half dollar costs \$20 as of this writing, and that the proof silver dollar costs \$30, both in PF-69DC. But if you've never looked at these modern pieces in detail, now would be an excellent time to buy.

Most of us know that from 1990 to the present, the stream of commemoratives just kept coming. By the time the Atlanta Olympic Games were commemorated, that stream may have felt more like standing right in front of a fire hose. It's tough to find someone who just plopped down all the money for every single one of those pieces. Most of us just didn't have it.

Yet the first of the modern commemorative coins have some entries in there that seem like great buys. Plenty of them are at or under \$30, and each purchase gets you a tremendous piece. While some of the artwork may be mediocre, some is very good. Have a little fun, and see what a local show or shop has in store for you.



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WORLD OF POLYMER BANKNOTES

By Michael Doran ILNA LM 186

When it comes to the wonderful world of money, we notice that there are things in the hobby that seem “foreign” to most U.S. coin and banknote collectors. And in the last 20 years the banknote world has experienced a subject that one might hear at the check out counter of the local grocery store – paper or plastic? Well, this article is about polymer currency – the history, the facts, and some general information on how to build a polymer banknote collection.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF POLYMER BANKNOTES

On February 14, 1966, Australia issues a new series of coins and notes in Dollars and Cents to replace the equivalents in the old system of Pounds, Shillings, and Pence. The new Dollar banknotes, issued in denominations of 1, 2, 10, & 20, with the 5 being issued in 1967, were bold for their time. However, an age-old problem was occurring with the notes, especially the 10 Dollar banknote. In one simple word – COUNTERFEITING. Despite the use of a security thread and a watermark, the counterfeits were becoming a big problem. Australia's central bank, the Reserve Bank of Australia, in cooperation with the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization), decided to create a banknote that can be manufactured in mass quantity yet be practically impossible to counterfeit. After 18 years of research and development, on January 26, 1988, the Reserve Bank of Australia made currency history with the world's first polymer banknote, with a 10 Dollar denomination. This banknote was also a commemorative, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of its first colony at Port Jackson (modern day Sydney). This note contained a hologram of Captain James Cook (another first). Two versions of the note were issued, one with a date (for collectors), the other without (for circulation). Circulation of this note was so successful that in 1992 the Australian Government released a new polymer 5 Dollar banknote for general circulation and in 1996, Australia would become the first country to

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World of Polymer Banknotes *(Cont.)*

completely convert its banknotes from paper to polymer. Since that time, New Zealand, Romania, and Vietnam have made the switch to polymer. In fact, over 25 countries has issued at least one or polymer banknotes. And other countries worldwide are exploring polymer banknotes as a possible addition to their currency systems.

THE FACTS

Polymer banknotes are made of biaxially-oriented polypropylene, under the trade name Guardian. The leading manufacturer of polymer banknotes is Securrency, a joint venture between Note Printing Australia and Innovia Films. While polymer banknotes cost a little more than paper banknotes, they have much more durability. On heavily used denominations, for example, the polymer note will last up to 4-6 times longer than paper. They are cleaner and will not absorb moisture. And the types of security features that can be put into polymer banknotes are endless. And finally, they are recyclable at the end of their life, with the recycled material being used for all kinds of plastic items such as buckets, park benches, and step stools.

HOW TO COLLECT

If you wish to collect polymer banknotes, there are many different kinds available, with the majority of them being quite inexpensive. You can find these banknotes from most world banknote dealers and on Ebay. Like paper banknotes, basic care is needed when collecting polymer banknotes. Handle your polymer banknotes as little as possible, keeping them in a mylar or non-PVC currency holder (Safgard holders, made by E&T Kointainer, are an excellent choice and can be purchased from most hobby supply stores), and, should you need to handle them, make sure your hands are clean. And keep your polymer banknotes away from excessive heat, as they are more than likely to shrink.

If you want to learn more about polymer banknotes, there is a club

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on Yahoo Groups which specializes in the collecting and study of polymer banknotes. It is called the Polymer Currency Club and membership in this club is free. It can be accessed on the internet at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/polymercurrenecyclub>.

A FINAL WORD

Polymer banknotes are a fun and relatively inexpensive way to collect some interesting yet beautiful. Remember, with new issues being released practically all the time, collecting these revolutionary pieces of currency will keep your collecting interests in this fast growing field going for quite some time.

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October 28, (Sun) Elgin Coin Club 45th Annual Show-Elgin, IL. *Location:* V.F.W. Post 1307, 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL, 9:00 AM to 3 PM. *Tables:* 32 *Fee:* \$30 *Admission:* Free, Free Y.N. Auction at 1:00 PM, Door prizes and club raffle, *Contact Don Cerny*, PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177 Phone: 847 888-1449

October 28, (Sun) Indian Hill Coin Club Coin Show-Gurnee, IL. *Location:* American Legion Post 771, 749 Milwaukee Avenue, Gurnee, IL, 9:30 AM to 3 PM. *Tables:* 23 *Fee:* \$20 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave, Zion, IL 60099, Phone: 847 872-2725

November 4, (Sun) Champaign-Urbana Coin Club Annual Coin Show-Urbana, IL. *Location:* Urbana Civic Center, 105 E Water St., Urbana, IL, 9:00 AM to 4 PM. *Tables:* 30 *Admission:* Free, *Contact Keith LeSeure*, 1909 Moraine Dr., Champaign, IL. 61822-5258 Phone: 217 356-8577

November 11, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Fall Coin Show, Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I, Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 60 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Patrick Devine, Show Chairman 217 787-3241

November 18, (Sun) N.O.I.S.E. Coin Show, Itasca, IL. *Location:* Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park (2 blocks East of Rt. 53), Itasca, IL. *Tables:* 40, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Joe Irmen, 5N105 Rt 53, Itasca, IL 60143, Phone: 630 250-7474

November 18, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 14th Holiday Coin Show, East Peoria, IL *Location:* East Peoria Convention Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* \$45, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

November 25, 2007, (Sun.), Mattoon Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Mattoon, Illinois, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, *location:* Burgess-Osbourne Auditorium, 1701 Wabash Ave. (one block east off Rt. 45 at "T" junction with Rt. 16) *Tables:* 23 *Admission:* \$.50 *Contact:* Bob Ohm, PO Box 143, Mattoon, IL 217-234-2585.

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Local Shows

December 16, (Sun) N.O.I.S.E. Coin Show, Itasca, IL. *Location:* Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park (2 blocks East of Rt. 53), Itasca, IL. *Tables:* 40, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Joe Irmen, 5N105 Rt 53, Itasca, IL 60143, *Phone:* 630 250-7474

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January 27, (Sun) Rockford Area Coin Club 103rd Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location:* Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 56 *Fee:* \$45 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Larry Kasberger, 2419 Circle Dr. Belvidere, IL. 61008 *Phone:* 815 547-6382

February 24, (Sun) Will County Coin Club 49th Annual Coin Show, Joliet, IL., 9 AM to 3:30 PM, *Location:* Holiday Inn Express, 411 S. Larkin Ave. (IL Rt. 7 & I-80), Joliet, IL *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Richard J. Hlavacik, *Phone:* 815 463-9480 or email: richjh@excite.com

March 2, (Sun) Tazewell Numismatic Society 10th Spring Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Event Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* \$40, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 *Phone:* 309 353-6178

March 2, (Sun) Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club , Watseka, IL, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St (Coner of 2nd and Oak) , Watseka, IL , *Tables:* 30, *Fee:* 8ft. \$25, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* John Tonner, 550 E. Mulberry St. Watseka, IL 60970 *Phone:* 815 432-6439

March 16, (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Association Spring Coin Show-Springfield, IL. *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3280 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 60 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Steve Butler, 1712 S. First St., Springfield, IL. 62704 *Phone:* 217 528-7634

April 6 (Sun) Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club, 44nd Gillespie Area Coin Show, 9 AM to 4 PM, *Location:* Gillespie Civic Center 115 N Macoupin Ave, Gillespie, IL *Tables:* 45 *Fee:* \$25 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Hiltop Coin Club, PO Box 23, Benld, IL 62009, email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com

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Central Illinois Numismatic Association. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Council #4175, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. *Information:* Jay Peniwell, 4 Oak Ridge Dr. Decatur, IL. 62521. Phone 217 428-9853

Champaign-Urbana Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Urbana Civic Cent. *Information:* Clyde Sweet, 1203 Marianne Ct. Mahomet, IL. 61853, or call 217 840-2526 email: cwsweet3@msn.com

Chicago Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th floor Conference Room, Downtown Chicago. Be prepared to show photo I.D. when signing in at Security Desk and take elevator to 6th and walk toward reception desk. *Information:* Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL. 60690. Phone 773 878-8979. *email Your intent to attend a meeting to Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com so your name can be added to the security desk register

Club of Illinois Numismatists (C.O.I.N.S. Club). *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. *Information:* (Mailing address) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 2334, Homewood, IL 60429

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Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 992, Columbia, IL. 62236. Phone Ron Nowak at 618 281-4875.

Edgar County Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M.. at the Chamber of Commerce, 105 N. Central, Paris, IL. *Information:* Pat Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL 61944 Phone: 217 463-2217 email: pbraz@joink.com

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Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837. *Phone:* 618 842-2035

Hillsboro Hiltop Coin Club. *Meetings:* Last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (except July) at the Challacombe House, 509 School St., Hillsboro, IL. *Information:* Hiltop Coin Club, P.O. Box 23, Benld, IL 62009 email: hiltopcc@yahoo.com

Indian Hill Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. *Information:* Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL. 60099.

Lake County Coin Club. *Meeting:* First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. *Information:* Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL. 60085.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. , Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, *Information:* P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL. 61938.

Metro East Coin & Currency Club. *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information:* St Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main. Belleville, IL. 62220. Phone 618 277-4493.

Oak Forest Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. *Information:* OFNS, P.O. Box 287, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information:* John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL. 61266

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Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 PM at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). *Information:* Don Smith, 100 W. Main, Rockton, IL 61072, Phone Daytime 815 624-0422

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